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ERHARD, LUDWIG
ITALIAN PRESIDENT GIOVANNI GRONCHI TOLD WEST GERMAN FEDERAL ECONOMIC MINISTER
LUDWIG ERHARD, DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO ROME LAST NOV., HE WAS CONVINCED
THAT GERMAN UNIFICATION WAS POSSIBLE ONLY PROVIDED A UNITED GERMANY ACCEPT A
NEUTRAL STATUS. THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS NOW PUZZLED AS TO
HOW TO REPLY TO THE GERMANS IF ASKED, DURING THE IMMINENT TRIP TO ROME BY
GIANFRANCO MARTINO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND BY PREMIER ANTONIO
MONTE, WHETHER THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SHARES THE OPINION OF THE
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